

**Remarks:**

The election/restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372 is believed to be remedied by the deletion of the method claims (original Claims 6-10).

As to the cited reference to Heller et al. which appears to describe an apparatus for a making a fiberboard of a uniform predetermined density, compensating for fluctuations of particle weight per unit area. This is the opposite of what is intended in the particle board of the present invention, which has stranded areas of higher density, for localized enhanced screw attachment strength for example.

It is believed that the restriction and the amendments will put the application in condition for allowance.

No additional fees, beyond the extension of time fees, are believed to be due at this time. However, if necessary to effect a timely response the Commissioner is authorised to deduct the necessary fees from Deposit account No. 501249.

Respectfully submitted,

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